

## HOROCYCLIC CLUSTER SETS OF FUNCTIONS DEFINED IN THE UNIT DISC

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### 1. Introduction.

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Unless otherwise stated,  $f: D \rightarrow W$  shall mean  $f(z)$  is an arbitrary single-valued function defined in the open unit disc  $D: |z| < 1$  and assuming values in the extended complex plane  $W$ . The unit circle  $|z| = 1$  is denoted by  $\Gamma$ .

We assume the reader to be familiar with the rudiments of the theory of cluster sets. A general reference would be Noshiro [21] or Collingwood and Lohwater [9]. We shall use the following sets defined in [9, p. 207]:

- $C(f, \zeta)$ , the cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$ ;
- $C_{\mathcal{A}}(f, \zeta)$ , the outer angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$ ;
- $C_{\Delta}(f, \zeta)$ , the cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  on a Stolz angle  $\Delta$  at  $\zeta$ ;
- $F(f)$ , the set of Fatou points of  $f$ ;
- $I(f)$ , the set of Plessner points of  $f$ ;
- $M(f)$ , the set of Meier points of  $f$ ;
- $R(f, \zeta)$ , the range of  $f$  at  $\zeta$ .

We denote the cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  on a chord  $\chi$  at  $\zeta$  by  $C_{\chi}(f, \zeta)$ . The principal chordal cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is defined to be

$$\Pi_{\chi}(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{\chi} C_{\chi}(f, \zeta),$$

where the intersection is taken over all chords  $\chi$  at  $\zeta$ ; and the inner angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is defined to be

$$C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{A}} C_{\mathcal{A}}(f, \zeta),$$

where the intersection is taken over all Stolz angles  $\mathcal{A}$  at  $\zeta$ . In addition we shall define the following sets:

- $C_{\mathfrak{A}}(f, \zeta)$ , the outer horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta \cdots$  p. 56;
- $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$ , the inner horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta \cdots$  p. 56;
- $C_{\mathfrak{D}}(f, \zeta)$ , the primary-tangential cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta \cdots \cdots$  p. 75;
- $F_{\omega}(f)$ , the set of horocyclic Fatou points of  $f \cdots \cdots$  p. 57;
- $I_{\omega}(f)$ , the set of horocyclic Plessner points of  $f \cdots \cdots$  p. 57;
- $K(f) \cdots \cdots$  p. 61;
- $K_{\omega}(f) \cdots \cdots$  p. 53;
- $M_{\omega}(f)$ , the set of horocyclic Meier points of  $f \cdots \cdots$  p. 57;
- $\Pi_{\omega}(f, \zeta)$ , the principal horocyclic cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta \cdots \cdots$  p. 56;
- $\Pi_{\tau_{\omega}}(f, \zeta) \cdots \cdots$  p. 70.

Bagemihl defined and studied the majority of these sets in [3].

If  $f: D \rightarrow W$ , then a point  $w \in W$  is a non-tangential cluster value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  provided there exists a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  lying between two chords at  $\zeta$  such that  $\lim z_n = \zeta$  and  $\lim f(z_n) = w$ .

A circle internally tangent to  $\Gamma$  at a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is called a horocycle at  $\zeta$ , and will be denoted by  $h_r(\zeta)$ , where  $r$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ) is the radius of the horocycle. The point  $\zeta$  itself is not considered to be part of  $h_r(\zeta)$ . A point  $w \in W$  is a horocyclic cluster value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  provided there exists a sequence  $\{z_n\}$  lying between two horocycles at  $\zeta$  such that  $\lim z_n = \zeta$  and  $\lim f(z_n) = w$ . Our purpose is to examine the relationships between non-tangential and horocyclic cluster values of a function  $f$  in  $D$ . In particular, we shall compare (metrically and topologically) the sets of Fatou points, Plessner points and Meier points of  $f$  with their horocyclic analogues.

Section 2 deals with arbitrary single-valued functions in  $D$ . First it is shown (Theorem 2) that Collingwood's theorem concerning  $K(f)$ ,  $f$  meromorphic in  $D$ , is true for  $f$  arbitrary in  $D$ . If one defines  $K_{\omega}(f)$  as the horocyclic analogue of  $K(f)$ , then (Theorem 3)  $K_{\omega}(f)$  is both residual and of measure  $2\pi$  on  $\Gamma$ ; i.e. the horocyclic analogue of Collingwood's theorem is true. Theorem 4 states that there exists a set residual and of measure  $2\pi$  on  $\Gamma$  such that at each point  $\zeta$  of the set, each non-tangential

cluster value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is a horocyclic cluster value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  relative to every pair of horocycles at  $\zeta$ . An immediate corollary is that almost every (in the sense of Lebesgue) horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$  is a Fatou point of  $f$ , and almost every Plessner point of  $f$  is a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$ . This had been shown by Bagemihl [3, Theorems 1 and 2] for meromorphic functions.

Littlewood [16] and Lohwater and Piranian [17, Theorem 9] have shown that not almost every Fatou point of  $f$  need be a horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$  even if  $f$  is holomorphic and bounded in  $D$ . Theorems 5 and 12 demonstrate the same result. In [10] it has been shown that not almost every horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$  need be a Plessner point of  $f$  even if  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$ . For the function  $f$  in [10], each of the sets of Fatou points of  $f$  and horocyclic Plessner points of  $f$  has measure  $2\pi$ . In Section 3 some further properties of points which are simultaneously Fatou points of  $f$  and horocyclic Plessner points of  $f$  are proved for  $f$  meromorphic in  $D$ .

The results of the preceding paragraph imply the non-existence of the following horocyclic analogues of Fatou's theorem [11] and Plessner's theorem [22]: If  $f$  is holomorphic and bounded in  $D$ , then almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is a horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$ ; if  $f$  is meromorphic in  $D$ , then almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is either a horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$  or a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$ . Moreover, in Section 4 a function  $f$  is constructed such that  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$ , but the union of the sets of horocyclic Fatou points, horocyclic Plessner points and horocyclic Meier points of  $f$  has measure zero. The horocyclic behavior of this function is explained by the introduction of what we call the primary-tangential pre-Meier point. The explanation is a consequence of a theorem (Theorem 11) similar to the statement cited as the horocyclic analogue of Plessner's theorem. Specifically, if  $f$  is meromorphic in  $D$ , then almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is either a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$  or a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$ . A theorem similar to the statement cited as the horocyclic analogue of Fatou's theorem is Theorem 10: If  $f$  is a normal meromorphic function in  $D$ , then almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is either a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$  or a point  $\zeta$  at which  $\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = W$ .

It can be easily shown [3, Theorem 3] that if  $f$  is meromorphic in  $D$ , then almost every Meier point of  $f$  is a horocyclic Meier point of  $f$ . Sec-

tion 5 is devoted to proving that not almost every horocyclic Meier point of  $f$  need be a Meier point of  $f$  even if  $f$  is holomorphic and bounded in  $D$ .

To conclude the introduction we give a brief description of horocyclic notation and terminology.

Given a horocycle  $h_r(\zeta)$  at a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , the region interior to  $h_r(\zeta)$  will be denoted by  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$ . The half of  $h_r(\zeta)$  lying to the right of the radius at  $\zeta$  as viewed from the origin will be denoted by  $h_r^+(\zeta)$ , and is called the right horocycle at  $\zeta$  with radius  $r$ . The left horocycle is defined analogously. Also,  $\Omega_r^+(\zeta)$  and  $\Omega_r^-(\zeta)$  denote the right and left half, respectively, of  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$ .

Suppose that  $0 < r_1 < r_2 < 1$  and that  $r_3$  ( $0 < r_3 < 1$ ) is so large that the circle  $|z| = r_3$  intersects both of the horocycles  $h_{r_1}(\zeta)$  and  $h_{r_2}(\zeta)$ . We define the right horocyclic angle  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}^+(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  with radii  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  to be

$$H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}^+(\zeta) = \text{comp} [\overline{\Omega_{r_1}^+(\zeta)}] \cap \Omega_{r_2}^+(\zeta) \cap \{z: |z| \geq r_3\},$$

where the bar denotes closure and ‘‘comp’’ denotes complement, both relative to the plane. The corresponding left horocyclic angle is denoted  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}^-(\zeta)$ . We write  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta)$  to denote a horocyclic angle at  $\zeta$  without specifying whether it be right or left, or simply  $H(\zeta)$  in the event  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  are arbitrary.

Define the right outer horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  to be

$$C_{\mathfrak{U}^+}(f, \zeta) = \bigcup_{H^+} C_{H^+}(f, \zeta),$$

and the right inner horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  to be

$$C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{H^+} C_{H^+}(f, \zeta),$$

where in each case  $H^+$  ranges over all right horocyclic angles at  $\zeta$ . The outer horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is defined to be

$$C_{\mathfrak{U}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{U}^+}(f, \zeta) \cup C_{\mathfrak{U}^-}(f, \zeta),$$

and the inner horocyclic angular cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  to be

$$C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}^+}(f, \zeta) \cap C_{\mathfrak{B}^-}(f, \zeta).$$

Finally the right principal horocyclic cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is defined to be

$$\Pi_{\omega}^+(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{0 < r < 1} C_{h_r^+}(f, \zeta),$$

while we define the principal horocyclic cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  to be

$$\Pi_{\omega}(f, \zeta) = \Pi_{\omega}^+(f, \zeta) \cap \Pi_{\omega}^-(f, \zeta).$$

If  $f: D \rightarrow W$ , then a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is called a right horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$  with right horocyclic Fatou value  $w \in W$  provided

$$C_{\mathfrak{A}^+}(f, \zeta) = \{w\};$$

$\zeta$  is called a right horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$  provided

$$C_{\mathfrak{B}^+}(f, \zeta) = W;$$

$\zeta$  is called a right horocyclic Meier point of  $f$  provided

$$\Pi_{\omega}^+(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta) \subset W,$$

where  $\subset$  denotes proper inclusion. The sets of right horocyclic Fatou points, right horocyclic Plessner points and right horocyclic Meier points of  $f$  are denoted by  $F_{\omega}^+(f)$ ,  $I_{\omega}^+(f)$  and  $M_{\omega}^+(f)$  respectively. One defines  $F_{\omega}^-(f)$ ,  $I_{\omega}^-(f)$  and  $M_{\omega}^-(f)$  in an analogous manner.

The sets of horocyclic Fatou points, horocyclic Plessner points and horocyclic Meier points of  $f: D \rightarrow W$  are denoted by  $F_{\omega}(f)$ ,  $I_{\omega}(f)$  and  $M_{\omega}(f)$  respectively, and are defined as follows:

$$\zeta \in F_{\omega}(f) \text{ if } C_{\mathfrak{A}}(f, \zeta) \text{ is a singleton};$$

$$\zeta \in I_{\omega}(f) \text{ if } C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = W; \text{ i.e. } I_{\omega}(f) = I_{\omega}^+(f) \cap I_{\omega}^-(f);$$

$$\zeta \in M_{\omega}(f) \text{ if } \Pi_{\omega}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta) \subset W; \text{ i.e. } M_{\omega}(f) = M_{\omega}^+(f) \cap M_{\omega}^-(f).$$

By an arc at a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  we mean a continuous curve  $A: z = z(t)$  ( $0 \leq t < 1$ ) such that  $|z(t)| < 1$  for  $0 \leq t < 1$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} z(t) = \zeta$ .

A point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is said to be an ambiguous point of  $f: D \rightarrow W$  if there exist two arcs  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  at  $\zeta$  such that

$$C_{A_1}(f, \zeta) \cap C_{A_2}(f, \zeta) = \phi.$$

Bagemihl's ambiguous point theorem [1, Theorem 2] states that  $f$  has at most enumerably many ambiguous points. Thus,

$$[F_{\omega}^+(f) \cap F_{\omega}^-(f)] - F_{\omega}(f)$$

must be an enumerable set for  $f: D \rightarrow W$ .

If  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are subsets of  $\Gamma$  such that  $S_1 - S_2$  and  $S_2 - S_1$  are of first Baire category (we sometimes say that nearly every point of  $S_1$  is a point of  $S_2$  and nearly every point of  $S_2$  is a point of  $S_1$ ), then  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are said to be topologically equivalent. If  $\text{meas}[S_1 - S_2] = \text{meas}[S_2 - S_1] = 0$ , then  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are said to be metrically equivalent.

## 2. Cluster sets of arbitrary functions.

Let  $\mathcal{D}(1)$  be an open connected subset of  $D$  such that  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(1)} \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$ . By  $\mathcal{D}(\zeta)$  we shall mean the transform of  $\mathcal{D}(1)$  under the rotation about the origin that sends 1 into  $\zeta$ . The following lemma is quite similar to that of Collingwood [8, Theorem 2].

LEMMA 1. *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then*

$$C_{\mathcal{D}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$$

for a residual  $G_\delta$  subset of  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be the set of points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  for which the condition of the lemma does not hold. It suffices to prove that  $E$  is an  $F_\sigma$  set of first category.

Considering  $W$  to be the Riemann sphere, let  $\{Q_p: p = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be the enumerable collection of open spherical discs on  $W$  such that the boundary of  $Q_p$  is a circle whose center has rational coordinates and whose radius has rational length. Let  $\frac{1}{2}Q_p$  denote the open spherical disc on  $W$  with the same center as  $Q_p$  and area one-half that of  $Q_p$ .

Given  $\zeta \in E$ , there exists a disc  $Q_p$  such that

$$C(f, \zeta) \cap \frac{1}{2}Q_p \neq \phi \text{ and } C_{\mathcal{D}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap \overline{Q_p} = \phi.$$

Hence we can find a positive integer  $m$  such that

$$\overline{f(\mathcal{D}(\zeta) \cap \alpha_m)} \cap Q_p = \phi,$$

where  $\alpha_m$  is the annulus  $1 - 1/m < |z| < 1$ . Thus we may write

$$E = \bigcup_{m,p} E_{m,p},$$

where

$$\overline{f(\mathcal{D}(\zeta) \cap \alpha_m)} \cap Q_p = \phi \text{ and } C(f, \zeta) \cap \frac{1}{2}Q_p \neq \phi, \quad \zeta \in E_{m,p}.$$

Since  $\mathcal{D}(1)$  is open, one can easily prove that

$$f(\mathcal{D}(\zeta) \cap \alpha_m) \cap Q_p = \phi, \quad \zeta \in \overline{E_{m,p}}.$$

Also, it is readily seen that

$$C(f, \zeta) \cap \frac{1}{2} Q_p \neq \phi, \quad \zeta \in \overline{E_{m,p}}.$$

Thus,  $\overline{E_{n,p}} \subseteq E$  for all values of  $m$  and  $p$ . Hence we have

$$E = \bigcup_{m,p} E_{m,p} \subseteq \bigcup_{m,p} \overline{E_{m,p}} \subseteq E.$$

Thus,  $E$  is an  $F_\sigma$  subset of  $\Gamma$ .

We now show that each set  $\overline{E_{m,p}}$  is nowhere dense, so that  $E$  is of first category. If  $\overline{E_{m,p}}$  is dense on any open arc  $\Gamma^*$  of  $\Gamma$ , then, setting

$$\alpha_m^* = \bigcup_{\zeta \in \Gamma^*} \mathcal{D}(\zeta) \cap \alpha_m,$$

we have

$$\overline{f(\alpha_m^*)} \cap Q_p = \phi.$$

Since  $\mathcal{D}(1)$  is connected, we obtain  $\alpha_m$  if we allow the points  $\zeta$  to range over  $\Gamma$  in the previous union. Also  $\overline{\mathcal{D}(1)} \cap \Gamma = \{1\}$ , so that no point of  $\Gamma^*$  is a frontier point of  $\alpha_m - \alpha_m^*$ . Thus, given any  $\zeta \in \Gamma^*$ , there exists a positive integer  $N = N(\zeta)$  such that

$$\{z \in D: |z - \zeta| < 1/n\} \subset \alpha_m^*, \quad n \geq N.$$

Since  $\overline{f(\alpha_m^*)} \cap Q_p = \phi$ ,

$$C(f, \zeta) \cap Q_p = \phi, \quad \zeta \in \Gamma^*.$$

This contradicts the fact that

$$C(f, \zeta) \cap \frac{1}{2} Q_p \neq \phi, \quad \zeta \in E_{m,p} \cap \Gamma^* \neq \phi.$$

This completes the proof.

The following conventions will be used throughout the remainder of this paper.

Given a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,  $\Delta_{n,r}(\zeta)$ , or more simply  $\Delta_{n,r}$ , represents the Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  such that  $\Delta_{n,r}$  has aperture  $\pi/2^n$ ,  $n$  a positive integer; and the bisector of  $\Delta_{n,r}$  at  $\zeta$  makes a rational angle  $r$  ( $-\pi/2 < r < \pi/2$ ) with the radius at  $\zeta$ . If  $\alpha_m$  is the annulus  $1 - 1/m < |z| < 1$  and  $1 - 1/m > \sin(|r| + \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}})$ , then we set

$$\Delta_{n,r,m} = \Delta_{n,r} \cap \alpha_m.$$

Then for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , we define  $\Sigma(\zeta)$  to be the enumerable collection

of all such Stolz “triangles”  $\Delta_{n,r,m}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$ . When we wish to refer to this collection without specifying a point  $\zeta$ , we write  $\Sigma$ .

Analogously, we define  $\Sigma_\omega(\zeta)$  to be the enumerable collection of horocyclic angles  $H_{r_1,r_2,r_3}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  with the radii  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  rational.

Making use of the enumerability of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_\omega$  we can prove

LEMMA 2. *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then*

$$C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$$

for a residual  $G_\delta$  subset of  $\Gamma$ .

*Proof.* For each  $\Delta \in \Sigma$ , we have  $C_\Delta(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$  for a residual  $G_\delta$  subset of  $\Gamma$  by Lemma 1. The intersection of these enumerably many residual  $G_\delta$  sets is a residual  $G_\delta$  subset  $E_1$  of  $\Gamma$  such that

$$C(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{\Delta \in \Sigma} C_\Delta(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta), \quad \zeta \in E_1.$$

Similarly, we can find a residual  $G_\delta$  subset  $E_2$  of  $\Gamma$  such that

$$C(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{H \in \Sigma_\omega} C_H(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta), \quad \zeta \in E_2.$$

Then  $E_1 \cap E_2$  is the required subset of  $\Gamma$ .

THEOREM 1. (Bagemihl [3, Theorem 4]). *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then the sets  $I(f)$ ,  $I_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $I_\omega^-(f)$  and  $I_\omega(f)$  are topologically equivalent.*

*Proof.* Since  $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}^+}(f, \zeta) \cap C_{\mathfrak{B}^-}(f, \zeta)$  for each  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , Lemma 2 implies that

$$C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}^+}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}^-}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$$

for a residual set of points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . This implies the desired result.

*Remark 1.* A further consequence of Lemma 2 is that if any one of the sets  $I(f)$ ,  $I_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $I_\omega^-(f)$  or  $I_\omega(f)$  is dense on an arc  $\Gamma^*$  of  $\Gamma$  (hence  $C(f, \zeta) = W$  for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma^*$ ), then each of the four sets is residual on  $\Gamma^*$ .

*Remark 2.* (Bagemihl [3, Remark 3]). Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then the sets  $F(f)$ ,  $F_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $F_\omega^-(f)$  and  $F_\omega(f)$  are topologically equivalent. Since  $C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathcal{A}}(f, \zeta)$ ,  $C_{\mathfrak{B}^+}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{A}^+}(f, \zeta)$ ,  $C_{\mathfrak{B}^-}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{A}^-}(f, \zeta)$  and  $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{A}}(f, \zeta)$ , Lemma 2 implies that



$$C_{\mathcal{A}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{A}^+}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{A}^-}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{A}}(f, \zeta)$$

for a residual set of points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . The result now follows.

*Remark 3.* It need not be true that the sets  $M(f)$  and  $M_\omega(f)$  are topologically equivalent for  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Let  $S$  be an enumerable everywhere dense subset of  $\Gamma$ . Define  $f(z)$  in  $D$  by  $f(0) = 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= 1 \text{ for } z \in h_{\frac{1}{2}}^+(\zeta), \zeta \in S, \\ f(z) &= 0 \text{ for } z \in h_{\frac{1}{2}}^+(\zeta), \zeta \in \Gamma - S. \end{aligned}$$

Since both  $S$  and  $\Gamma - S$  are everywhere dense on  $\Gamma$ ,

$$\Pi_x(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta) = \{0, 1\}, \zeta \in \Gamma.$$

However,  $\Pi_\omega(f, \zeta) = \{0\}$  for  $\zeta \in \Gamma - S$ , and  $\Pi_\omega(f, \zeta) = \{1\}$  for  $\zeta \in S$ . Thus  $M(f) = \Gamma$ , but  $M_\omega(f) \cap \Gamma = \phi$ . This example also shows that  $M(f)$  and  $M_\omega(f)$  need not be metrically equivalent for  $f: D \rightarrow W$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** If  $f: D \rightarrow W$ , then  $K(f)$  consists of those points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  for which  $C_{\mathcal{A}_1}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{A}_2}(f, \zeta)$  for any pair of Stolz angles  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  at  $\zeta$ .

Collingwood [7, Theorem 4a] has shown that  $K(f)$  is both residual and of measure  $2\pi$  on  $\Gamma$  for  $f$  meromorphic in  $D$ . It is a consequence of the following lemma that the same result holds for an arbitrary function  $f$  in  $D$ .

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then at almost every and nearly every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,*

$$C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta)$$

where  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  is any set for which there exists a Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  containing  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$ .

*Proof.* If  $E$  is the set of points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  for which the lemma fails to hold, then for each  $\zeta \in E$  there exists a set  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  lying in the interior of a Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  such that  $C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \not\subseteq C_{\mathcal{A}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta)$  for some (not necessarily the same) Stolz angle  $\mathcal{A}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$ . Then there exists a disc  $Q_p$  on the Riemann sphere  $W$  such that

$$C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap Q_p \neq \phi \text{ and } C_{\mathcal{A}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap \overline{Q_p} = \phi.$$

It is then possible to find a Stolz triangle  $\mathcal{A}_{n, \tau, m}(\zeta) \in \Sigma(\zeta)$  such that  $\overline{f(\mathcal{A}_{n, \tau, m}(\zeta))} \cap Q_p = \phi$ . Thus we may write

$$E = \bigcup_{n,r,m,p} E_{n,r,m,p},$$

where  $\zeta \in E_{n,r,m,p}$  provided there exists at least one set  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  lying in a Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  such that

$$C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap Q_p \neq \phi \text{ and } \overline{f(\mathcal{A}_{n,r,m}(\zeta))} \cap Q_p = \phi.$$

Now suppose that some set  $E_{n,r,m,p}$  has positive exterior measure. If  $X \equiv E_{n,r,m,p}$ , then

$$(1) \quad \overline{f(\mathcal{A}_{n,r,m}(\zeta))} \cap Q_p = \phi, \quad \zeta \in \bar{X}.$$

Note that it is not necessarily true that  $C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap Q_p \neq \phi$  for at least one set  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  lying in some Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  for each  $\zeta \in \bar{X}$ .

If

$$(2) \quad G = \bigcup_{\zeta \in \bar{X}} \mathcal{A}_{n,r,m}(\zeta),$$

then  $G$  is composed of finitely many open simply connected subregions  $G_1, \dots, G_N$  of  $D$ . There are only finitely many such subregions because  $\Gamma - \bar{X}$  contains only finitely many arcs with length exceeding a fixed number between 0 and  $2\pi$ . As in [23, p. 220], we conclude that each subregion  $G_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq N$ ) has a rectifiable Jordan curve  $J_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq N$ ) as boundary.

Now  $X \cap J_k$  must be of positive exterior measure for at least one curve  $J_k$ . Also the tangent to  $J_k$  at almost every point of  $\Gamma \cap J_k$  coincides with the tangent to  $\Gamma$ . Consequently, there exist points of  $X$  belonging to  $\Gamma \cap J_k$  at which the tangent to  $J_k$  coincides with the tangent to  $\Gamma$ . At any such point each Stolz angle at the point has a terminal portion (i.e. a Stolz triangle at  $\zeta$ ) contained in  $G_k$ . Thus there exist points  $\zeta \in X$ , such that  $C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \subseteq \overline{f(G_k)}$  for every set  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  which is contained in a Stolz angle at  $\zeta$ . By (1) and (2),

$$\overline{f(G_k)} \cap Q_p = \phi.$$

However, according to the definition of  $X$ , we must have  $C_{\mathcal{L}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \cap Q_p \neq \phi$  for at least one set  $\mathcal{L}(\zeta)$  lying in some Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  for every  $\zeta \in X$  which is inconsistent with the previous statement. Hence each set  $E_{n,r,m,p}$ , and consequently  $E$ , has measure zero.

It is evident that our proof needs only minor modifications to establish that each set  $E_{n,r,m,p}$ , and consequently  $E$ , is of first category.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then  $K(f)$  is both residual and of measure  $2\pi$  on  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* At each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K(f)$  there exists a Stolz angle  $\mathcal{A}(\zeta)$  such that  $C_{\mathcal{A}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \not\subseteq C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta)$ . Lemma 3 implies that  $\Gamma - K(f)$  is of measure zero and first category.

**DEFINITION 2.** If  $f: D \rightarrow W$ , then  $K_\omega(f)$  consists of those points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  for which  $C_{H_1}(f, \zeta) = C_{H_2}(f, \zeta)$  for any pair of horocyclic angles  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  at  $\zeta$ .

*Remark 4.* A most crucial line of reasoning in the proof of Lemma 3 was that each Jordan curve  $J_k$  was rectifiable so that the tangent to  $J_k$  coincided with the tangent to  $\Gamma$  at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma \cap J_k$ ; and consequently, at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma \cap J_k$ , each Stolz angle at  $\zeta$  had a terminal portion interior to  $G_k$ .<sup>†</sup>

For a fixed horocyclic angle  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta)$  and a closed set  $P \subset \Gamma$ , define

$$G^\omega = \bigcup_{\zeta \in P} H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta).$$

By [3, Lemma 1],  $G^\omega$  is composed of finitely many simply connected subregions  $G_1^\omega, \dots, G_N^\omega$  having as their respective boundaries the rectifiable Jordan curves  $J_1^\omega, \dots, J_N^\omega$ . Hence the tangent to  $J_k^\omega$  ( $1 \leq k \leq N$ ) at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma \cap J_k^\omega$  coincides with the tangent to  $\Gamma$ . However, this does not imply that at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma \cap J_k^\omega$ , each horocyclic angle  $H$  has a terminal portion which lies in  $G_k^\omega$ , because the tangent to  $H$  at  $\zeta$  also coincides with the tangent to  $\Gamma$  at  $\zeta$ . But if we can verify that this latter statement is true, then by virtually the same proof as of Lemma 3 we can obtain a horocyclic analogue of Lemma 3 (see Lemma 6).

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $P$  be a perfect nowhere dense subset of  $[0, 1]$ . For almost every point  $p \in P$ , if  $\{(a_n, b_n)\}$  is any sequence of open intervals in  $[0, 1] - P$  converging to  $p$ , then*

$$|a_n - p| / (b_n - a_n) \text{ tends to } +\infty.$$

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<sup>†</sup> If  $S \subset D$  such that  $\bar{S} \cap \Gamma = \{\zeta\}$ , then  $S' \subseteq S$  is called a terminal portion of  $S$  if  $S' \cap D - \alpha_m = \phi$  and  $S' \cap \alpha_p = S \cap \alpha_p$ , where  $p \geq m > 0$ .

*Proof.* According to Hobson [12, p. 194], the metric density exists and is unity at almost every point  $p \in P$ . Let  $p \in P$  be such a point, and suppose the sequence  $\{(a_n, b_n)\}$  converges to  $p$  from the right. Then by the definition of metric density

$$(3) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\text{meas}(P \cap (p, b_n))}{\text{meas}(p, b_n)} = 1$$

and

$$(4) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\text{meas}(P \cap (p, a_n))}{\text{meas}(p, a_n)} = 1.$$

Let  $x_n = \text{meas}(P \cap (p, b_n))$ ,  $y_n = a_n - p$  and  $z_n = b_n - a_n$ . Then (3) implies

$$\frac{x_n}{y_n + z_n} \rightarrow 1$$

and, since  $P \cap (p, b_n) = P \cap (p, a_n)$ , (4) implies

$$\frac{x_n}{y_n} \rightarrow 1.$$

Since  $x_n > 0$ ,  $y_n > 0$  and  $z_n > 0$ , these conditions imply that

$$\frac{z_n}{y_n} \rightarrow 0; \text{ i.e. } \frac{y_n}{z_n} \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Thus  $(a_n - p)/(b_n - a_n) \rightarrow +\infty$  and in general,  $|a_n - p|/(b_n - a_n) \rightarrow +\infty$ .

LEMMA 5. *Let  $P$  be a perfect nowhere dense subset of  $\Gamma$  and set*

$$G^\omega = \bigcup_{\zeta \in P} H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta),$$

where  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}$  is a fixed horocyclic angle. Then at almost every point  $\zeta \in P$  each disc  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ) has a terminal portion lying interior to  $G^\omega$ .

*Proof.* Without explicitly going through all the details we note that it is possible, by means of a bilinear mapping  $L(z)$ , to transfer the setting of our lemma from  $D$  to the upper half-plane and arrive at an equivalent formulation. We now give this formulation in a somewhat extensive form.

Let  $P$  be a perfect nowhere dense set on the finite interval  $I$  of the real axis, and let the two circles (take  $(a_n, b_n) \subset I - P$ )

$$(5) \quad C_1: (x - a_n)^2 + (y - R)^2 = R^2 \text{ and } C_2: (x - b_n)^2 + (y - r)^2 = r^2$$

have radii satisfying

$$(6) \quad 0 < R_1 \leq r \leq R_2 < R_3 \leq R \leq R_4.$$

We choose  $r$  and  $R$  in this fashion because the two horocycles  $h_{r_1}(\zeta)$  and  $h_{r_2}(\zeta)$  forming part of  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta)$ , and hence part of the boundary of  $G^\omega$ , would be mapped by  $L(z)$ , as  $\zeta$  ranges over  $P \subset I$ , onto circles of the form (5) whose radii satisfy a condition of the form (6).

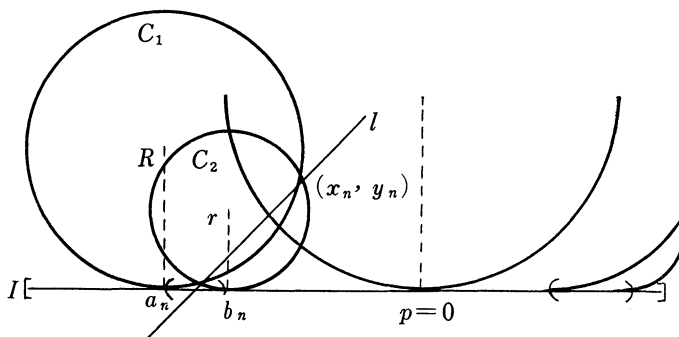


Figure 1

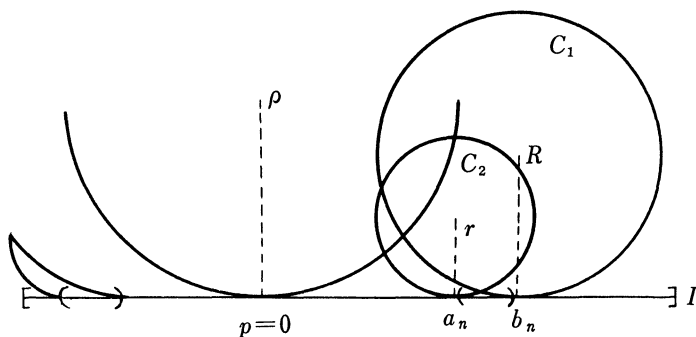


Figure 2

At the left and right endpoints of each interval in  $I - P$  construct circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  respectively (see Figure 1). In the proof it shall become apparent that we could choose  $C_1$  to be at the right endpoint and  $C_2$  at the left endpoint of each interval in  $I - P$  (see Figure 2). These two situations correspond to the choice of  $H_{r_1, r_2, r_3}(\zeta)$  as a left and right horocyclic angle, respectively.

Our ultimate goal is to prove:

(7) At almost every point  $p \in P$ , for any sequence  $\{(a_n, b_n)\}$  of arcs in  $I - P$

converging to  $p$ , the point  $(x_n, y_n) \in C_1 \cap C_2$  (see Figure 1) lies interior to any given circle tangent to the  $x$ -axis at  $p$  for at most finitely many values of  $n$ .

Our method of proof will be to show that the condition on  $p$  in (7) is satisfied at each point  $p \in P$  at which Lemma 4 holds. Since Lemma 4 holds for almost every point  $p \in P$ , (7), and hence our lemma, will be established.

Suppose to the contrary that there exists a point  $p \in P$  at which Lemma 4 holds and the condition on  $p$  in (7) fails to be true. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $p = 0$ . Hence, we are assuming that there exists a circle  $C: x^2 + (y - \rho)^2 = \rho^2$  ( $0 < \rho < +\infty$ ) and a sequence  $\{(a_n, b_n)\}$  in  $I - P$  converging to  $p = 0$  for which  $|a_n|/(b_n - a_n) \rightarrow +\infty$ , but the point  $(x_n, y_n) \in C_1 \cap C_2$  lies interior to  $C$  for infinitely many values of  $n$ ; i.e.

$$(8) \quad x_n^2 + (y_n - \rho)^2 < \rho^2 \text{ for infinitely many } n.$$

Also, since  $|a_n|/(b_n - a_n) \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $\text{sgn}(a_n) = \text{sgn}(b_n)$ ,

$$(9) \quad |b_n + a_n|/(b_n - a_n) \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Consider the radical axis  $l$  of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  passing through  $C_1 \cap C_2$ . The equation for  $l$  is given by

$$(x - a_n)^2 + (y - R)^2 - R^2 - [(x - b_n)^2 + (y - r)^2 - r^2] = 0,$$

or

$$x = \frac{R - r}{b_n - a_n} y + \frac{b_n + a_n}{2}.$$

Hence,

$$(10) \quad x_n = \frac{R - r}{b_n - a_n} y_n + \frac{b_n + a_n}{2}.$$

Solving (10) simultaneously with the equation of  $C_1$  in (5) for  $y_n$ , we have

$$\left( \frac{R - r}{b_n - a_n} y_n + \frac{b_n + a_n}{2} - a_n \right)^2 + (y_n - R)^2 = R^2.$$

This can be rewritten as

$$(R - r)^2 \frac{y_n}{(b_n - a_n)^2} + \frac{(b_n - a_n)^2}{y_n} = R + r - y_n.$$

Since  $y_n \rightarrow 0^+$  we immediately have

$$y_n = o((b_n - a_n)^2),$$

and hence,

$$(11) \quad y_n < K(b_n - a_n)^2, \quad K > 0, \quad \text{for all sufficiently large } n.$$

Now we show that (8) is impossible. Substituting (10) in (8) yields

$$(12) \quad \left(\frac{R-r}{b_n - a_n}\right)^2 y_n + (R-r) \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{b_n - a_n}\right) + \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{y_n} + y_n < 2\rho.$$

The left-hand side of (12) is greater than

$$(R-r) \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{b_n - a_n}\right) + \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{y_n},$$

and by (6) and (11), this expression is greater than

$$\begin{aligned} (R_3 - R_2) \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{b_n - a_n}\right) + \left(\frac{b_n + a_n}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{K(b_n - a_n)^2} \\ = \frac{b_n + a_n}{b_n - a_n} \left[ R_3 - R_2 + \frac{1}{4K} \frac{b_n + a_n}{b_n - a_n} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By (9) this latter expression tends to  $+\infty$  so that (12), and hence (8), can hold for at most finitely many values of  $n$ , which is a contradiction. Thus our lemma is proved.

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then at almost every and nearly every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,*

$$C_{\mathcal{H}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$$

where  $\mathcal{H}(\zeta)$  is any set for which there exists a disc  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  containing  $\mathcal{H}(\zeta)$ .

*Proof.* As stated in Remark 4, the proof of Lemma 3 with only minor modifications can be used here. We replace Stolz angles by horocyclic angles, the region  $G$  by a region  $G^\omega$  and apply Lemma 5 where needed.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then  $K_\omega(f)$  is both residual and of measure  $2\pi$  on  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* At each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K_\omega(f)$  there exists a horocyclic angle  $H(\zeta)$  such that  $C_{H(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \not\subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$ . Lemma 6 implies that  $\Gamma - K_\omega(f)$  is of measure zero and first category.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then the sets  $F_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $F_\omega^-(f)$  and  $F_\omega(f)$  are metrically equivalent, and the sets  $I_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $I_\omega^-(f)$  and  $I_\omega(f)$  are metrically equivalent.*

*Proof.* If  $\zeta$  belongs to at least one of the sets  $F_\omega^+(f)$ ,  $F_\omega^-(f)$ ,  $F_\omega(f)$ , but not to all of them, then  $C_{H_1}(f, \zeta) \neq C_{H_2}(f, \zeta)$  for some pair of horocyclic angles  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  at  $\zeta$ . By Theorem 3, the set of such points  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is of measure zero. This proves the first part of Corollary 1, and the proof of the second part is identical.

*Remark 5.* Lemma 2 affords some additional information concerning  $K(f)$  and  $K_\omega(f)$ . The relation

$$C_\Delta(f, \zeta) = C_H(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$$

holds at nearly every point  $\zeta \in K(f) \cap K_\omega(f)$  for any Stolz angle  $\Delta$  at  $\zeta$  and any horocyclic angle  $H$  at  $\zeta$ .

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then at almost every and nearly every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,*

$$C_\Delta(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_H(f, \zeta)$$

*for each Stolz angle  $\Delta$  at  $\zeta$  and each horocyclic angle  $H$  at  $\zeta$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\zeta$  is a point where the condition fails to hold, then  $C_{\Delta(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \not\subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$  for some Stolz angle  $\Delta(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$ . Lemma 6 implies the desired result.

We can now generalize two results of Bagemihl [3, Theorems 1 and 2].

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . Then almost every horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$  is a Fatou point of  $f$ , and almost every Plessner point of  $f$  is a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\zeta \in F_\omega(f)$ , then there exists a horocyclic angle  $H(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  and a point  $w_\zeta \in W$  such that  $C_{H(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) = \{w_\zeta\}$ . From Theorem 4 we conclude that  $C_{\mathcal{A}}(f, \zeta) = \{w_\zeta\}$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in F_\omega(f)$ ; i.e. almost every point of  $F_\omega(f)$  is a point of  $F(f)$ .

If  $\zeta \in I(f)$ , then  $C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) = W$ . According to Theorem 4,  $C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . Thus  $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = W$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in I(f)$ , which is the desired conclusion.



**3. The set  $F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$ .**

The following example, a special case of an example of Lohwater and Piranian [17, Theorem 9], shows that  $F(f)$  and  $F_\omega(f)$  need not be metrically equivalent.

**THEOREM 5.** *There exists a function  $B(z)$  holomorphic and bounded in  $D$  such that the set of horocyclic Fatou points of  $B(z)$  has measure zero.*

*Proof.* The Blaschke product

$$B(z) = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\rho_n)^{2^n} + (z)^{2^n}}{1 + (\rho_n z)^{2^n}}, \quad \rho_n = 1 - (n^2 2^n)^{-1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

has zeros at the points

$$z_{n,k} = \rho_n e^{i(2k-1)2^{-n}\pi}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 2^n.$$

In [10] it is shown that for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  and each horocycle  $h_r(\zeta)$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ) at  $\zeta$ , there exist sequences of these zeros lying interior to  $\Omega_r^+(\zeta)$  and  $\Omega_r^-(\zeta)$ . Thus, for each  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,

$$(13) \quad 0 \in C_{\Omega_r^+(\zeta)}(B, \zeta) \quad (0 < r < 1) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \in C_{\Omega_r^-(\zeta)}(B, \zeta) \quad (0 < r < 1).$$

It is well-known [24, p. 94] that a Blaschke product has a Fatou value of modulus one at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . Take  $\zeta \in F(B)$  such that  $B$  has Fatou value  $\alpha$ ,  $|\alpha| = 1$ , at  $\zeta$ . If  $\zeta$  is a right horocyclic Fatou point of  $B$ , then the right horocyclic Fatou value must be 0 because a result of Lindelof [6, p. 42] states that the right horocyclic Fatou value of  $B$  at  $\zeta$  must equal

$$C_{\Omega_r^+(\zeta)}(B, \zeta) \quad (0 < r < 1),$$

and, from (13), 0 belongs to each such cluster set. Thus,

$$C_{\Omega_r^+(\zeta)}(B, \zeta) = \{0\} \quad (0 < r < 1).$$

However, this contradicts the fact that  $C_{\mathcal{A}(\zeta)}(B, \zeta) = \{\alpha\}$  for each Stolz angle  $\mathcal{A}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$ . Thus the set of right horocyclic Fatou points of  $B$  is of measure zero. By Corollary 1,  $F_\omega(f)$  has measure zero, and the proof is complete.

To show that  $I(f)$  and  $I_\omega(f)$  need not be metrically equivalent, we cite the following theorem proven in [10].

**THEOREM 6.** *There exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that every point of  $\Gamma$  is a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$  and almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is a Fatou point of  $f$ .*

The following corollary is interesting in view of Plessner's theorem [22] and Meier's theorem [18, Theorem 5].

**COROLLARY 3.** *There exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is a Fatou point of  $f$  and nearly every point of  $\Gamma$  is a Plessner point of  $f$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1,  $I(f)$  and  $I_\omega(f)$  are topologically equivalent. Since every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is a point of  $I_\omega(f)$ , the result follows.

Theorem 6 shows that  $F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  may be large metrically even if  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$ . However, for  $f: D \rightarrow W$ ,  $F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  must be of first category by Theorem 1.

An arc  $A_\omega$  at  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is said to be an admissible tangential arc at  $\zeta$  if there exists a sequence  $\{H_{r_1^{(n)}, r_2^{(n)}, r_3^{(n)}}(\zeta)\}$  of nested right or of nested left horocyclic angles at  $\zeta$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [r_2^{(n)} - r_1^{(n)}] = 0$ , each term of which contains some terminal subarc of  $A_\omega$ .

We now define

$$\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = \bigcap_{A_\omega} C_{A_\omega}(f, \zeta),$$

where the intersection is taken over all admissible tangential arcs  $A_\omega$  at  $\zeta$ .

**THEOREM 7.** *If  $f(z)$  is meromorphic in  $D$ , then*

$$\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) \cup R(f, \zeta) = W$$

for each point  $\zeta \in F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  with the possible exception of at most enumerably many such points.

*Proof.* If  $\zeta$  is a point of  $F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  such that  $\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) \cup R(f, \zeta) \subset W$ , then either  $W - [\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) \cup R(f, \zeta)]$  is the Fatou value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  or there exists a value  $w \notin \Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) \cup R(f, \zeta)$  different from the Fatou value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$ . We assert that in either case,  $\zeta$  is an ambiguous point of  $f$ . Bagemihl's ambiguous point theorem [1, Theorem 2] then implies the desired result.

In the first case  $C_\chi(f, \zeta) \cap C_{A_\omega}(f, \zeta) = \phi$  for each chord  $\chi$  at  $\zeta$  and some admissible tangential arc  $A_\omega$  at  $\zeta$ , so that  $\zeta$  is an ambiguous point of  $f$ .

In the second case there must be an admissible tangential arc  $A_\omega$  at  $\zeta$  such that  $w \notin C_{A_\omega}(f, \zeta)$ . Let  $\chi$  be a chord at  $\zeta$  disjoint from  $A_\omega$ , and join the endpoints of  $\chi$  and  $A_\omega$  by means of a Jordan arc  $J^*$  so that  $\{\zeta\} \cup A_\omega \cup J^* \cup \chi$  is a Jordan curve. Let  $G$  denote the interior of this Jordan curve and set  $J = A_\omega \cup J^* \cup \chi$ . Since  $A_\omega$  is an admissible tangential arc at  $\zeta$ ,  $G$  must contain at least one right or left horocyclic angle at  $\zeta$ . Thus  $C_G(f, \zeta) = W$ . Since  $w$  is not the Fatou value of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  and  $w \notin C_{A_\omega}(f, \zeta)$ ,  $w \notin C_J(f, \zeta)$ . Moreover,  $w \notin R_G(f, \zeta)$ , because  $w \notin R(f, \zeta)$ . Hence

$$w \in [C_G(f, \zeta) - C_J(f, \zeta)] \cap \text{comp } R_G(f, \zeta),$$

so that by the Gross-Iversen theorem [9, p. 101], there exists an arc  $A$  at  $\zeta$  such that  $C_A(f, \zeta) = \{w\}$ . Hence,  $\zeta$  is an ambiguous point of  $f$ , and the theorem is proved.

**COROLLARY 4.** *If  $f(z)$  is holomorphic in  $D$ , then*

$$\infty \in \Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta)$$

for each point  $\zeta \in F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  with the possible exception of at most enumerably many such points.

We now prove that Corollary 4 is no longer true if we replace  $F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)$  by  $I_\omega(f)$ .

**THEOREM 8.** *Let  $P$  be a perfect nowhere dense subset of  $\Gamma$ . Then there exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that almost every point of  $P$  is a point of  $I_\omega(f)$ , and  $\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = \{0\}$  for each point  $\zeta \in P$  with at most enumerably many exceptions.*

*Proof.* Set

$$T = \bigcup_{\zeta \in P} h_{\frac{1}{3}}^+(\zeta).$$

Then  $T$  is a tress in the sense of Bagemihl and Seidel [4, Definition 1], and there exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that

$$(14) \quad C_{h_{\frac{1}{3}}^+(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) = \{0\}$$

for each point  $\zeta \in P$  [4, Corollary 1].

If  $\text{meas}[P \cap F(f)] > 0$ , then, since  $C_{h_{\frac{1}{3}}^+(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) = \{0\}$  for each point  $\zeta \in P \cap F(f)$ ,  $f$  must have 0 as Fatou value at each point  $\zeta \in P \cap F(f)$  with the possible exception of at most enumerably many ambiguous

points. But this is impossible by Priwalow's theorem [9, Theorem 8.1]. Hence almost every point of  $P$  is a point of  $I(f)$  by Plessner's theorem. By Corollary 2, almost every point of  $P$  is a point of  $I_\omega(f)$ . By (14),  $\Pi_{\tau_\omega}(f, \zeta) = \{0\}$  at any point of  $P$  which is not an ambiguous point of  $f$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.

*Remark 6.* By [21, Remark, p. 74], it is not possible to construct the function  $f(z)$  of Theorem 8 to have both a right and a left horocycle at almost every point  $\zeta \in P$  on which  $f$  is bounded.

*Remark 7.* Theorem 4 states that  $C_{\mathcal{B}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  for  $f: D \rightarrow W$ . It is a consequence of Theorem 8 that even if  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$ , then it need not be true that  $\Pi_x(f, \zeta) \subseteq \Pi_\omega(f, \zeta)$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ .

If  $f$  is holomorphic in  $D$ , then, by applying the Gross-Iversen theorem, one sees that

$$\infty \in \Pi_x(f, \zeta) \cup \Pi_\omega(f, \zeta)$$

for each point  $\zeta \in I(f) \cup I_\omega(f)$  with the possible exception of at most enumerably many ambiguous points. Thus, for the function  $f(z)$  in Theorem 8,  $\infty \in \Pi_x(f, \zeta)$  and  $\infty \notin \Pi_\omega(f, \zeta)$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in P$  since almost every point of  $P$  is a point of  $I_\omega(f)$ .

It is an open question whether  $\Pi_x(f, \zeta) \subseteq \Pi_\omega(f, \zeta)$  for nearly every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  if  $f(z)$  is meromorphic in  $D$ .

#### 4. Horocyclic cluster sets of meromorphic functions.

**THEOREM 9.** *There exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that almost every point of  $\Gamma$  is a Fatou point of  $f$ , but*

$$\text{meas}[F_\omega(f) \cup M_\omega(f) \cup I_\omega(f)] = 0.$$

*Proof.* For the Blaschke product  $B(z)$  of Theorem 5, almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is a Fatou point of  $B$  with Fatou value of modulus one. By a theorem of Lusin [12, p. 192], this set of Fatou points of  $B$  contains a set  $S$  of measure  $2\pi$  such that  $S = \bigcup_n S_n$ , where  $S_1 \subset S_2 \subset \cdots \subset S_n \subset S_{n+1} \subset \cdots \subset \Gamma$  and each  $S_n$  is a perfect nowhere dense set.

By essentially the same method as used in [10], it is possible to construct a function  $g(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that  $g(z)$  is bounded on the

disc  $\Omega_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)$  for every point  $\zeta \in S$ ; and for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , there exists a sequence  $\{z_n\} \subset D$  converging to  $\zeta$  for which  $\Re g(z_n) \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $|B(z_n)| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . If we set  $f(z) = B(z)e^{g(z)}$ , then the latter property of  $g(z)$  implies that  $\infty \in C(f, \zeta)$  for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . The former property of  $g(z)$  implies that  $f(z)$  is bounded on  $\Omega_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)$  for each point  $\zeta \in S$ . Hence the set  $M_\omega(f) \cup I_\omega(f)$  is of measure zero, while the set of Fatou points of  $f$  has measure  $2\pi$  by Plessner's theorem.

Let  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  be a point at which  $f(z)$  has a non-zero Fatou value and  $f(z)$  is bounded on  $\Omega_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta)$ . The set of such points has measure  $2\pi$  since it contains all points of  $S$ . Since the zeros of  $B(z)$  are zeros of  $f(z)$ ,

$$0 \in C_{\Omega_r^+(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \quad (0 < r < 1) \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \in C_{\Omega_r^-(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) \quad (0 < r < 1).$$

By the same argument as in Theorem 5, the point  $\zeta$  cannot be a right horocyclic Fatou point of  $f$ . Thus  $F_\omega(f)$  has measure zero.

We now indicate how to modify the method in [10] in order to construct the function  $g(z)$ . For each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , define

$$G_n = \left( \bigcup_{\zeta \in S_n} \Omega_{\frac{1}{2}}(\zeta) \right) \cup \{z : |z| < \rho_n\},$$

where  $\frac{1}{2} < \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \dots < \rho_n < \rho_{n+1} < \dots < 1$  and  $\rho_n \rightarrow 1$ . Also, for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $Z_n$  be a finite subset of  $D - \overline{G_n}$  chosen as follows:

- (1) in each component of  $D - \overline{G_1}$  having area in the range  $[\pi/2^n, \pi/2^{n-1})$ , choose a point  $z$  in  $D - \overline{G_n}$  at which  $|B(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}$  (recall that  $B(z)$  has radial limit of modulus one on a dense set of radii);
- (2) in each component of  $D - \overline{G_2}$  having area in the range  $[\pi/2^{n+1}, \pi/2^n)$  choose a point  $z$  in  $D - \overline{G_n}$  at which  $|B(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ;
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- (n) in each component of  $D - \overline{G_n}$  having area in the range  $[\pi/2^{2n-1}, \pi/2^{2n-2})$  choose a point  $z$  at which  $|B(z)| \geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

It is easily proven that the collection  $\bigcup_n Z_n$  has  $\Gamma$  as its derived set, so that for each  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  there exists a sequence  $\{z_{n_k}\}$  converging to  $\zeta$  where  $z_{n_k} \in Z_{n_k}$ .

For the function  $t(z)$  defined on the sets  $T_n$  we substitute the function  $\tau(z)$  defined on the sets  $Z_n$  by  $\tau(z) = n$ ,  $z \in Z_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Also, we define

$$F_n = \overline{G}_n \cup \left( \bigcup_{1 \leq j \leq n} Z_j \right), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

so that each  $F_n$  is a compact set with connected complement. We obtain by induction a sequence of polynomials  $\{p_n(z)\}$  converging (uniformly on compact subsets of  $D$ ) to a function  $g(z)$  holomorphic in  $D$  such that  $g(z)$  is bounded in  $G_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $\Omega_{\frac{1}{3}}(\zeta)$  is a subset of  $G_n$  for each  $\zeta \in S_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $g(z)$  is bounded on  $\Omega_{\frac{1}{3}}(\zeta)$  for each  $\zeta \in S_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) as required.

The sequence  $\{p_n(z)\}$  also satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} |p_n(z) - \tau(z)| &< 2^{-n}, \quad z \in \bigcup_{1 \leq j \leq n} Z_j, \\ |g(z) - p_n(z)| &< 2^{-n}, \quad z \in D_{\rho_n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow \zeta \in \Gamma \\ z \in \bigcup_n Z_n}} |g(z) - \tau(z)| = 0.$$

Hence for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  there exists a sequence  $\{z_{n_k}\}$  converging to  $\zeta$ ,  $z_{n_k} \in Z_{n_k}$ , such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\mathcal{R}g(z_{n_k}) - \tau(z_{n_k})| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |\mathcal{R}g(z_{n_k}) - n_k| = 0.$$

The function  $g(z)$  has the required properties, and the theorem is proved.

To determine the horocyclic behavior of the function  $f(z)$  of Theorem 9, we begin with the definition of a normal meromorphic function in the unit disc  $D$  due to Noshiro [20].

**DEFINITION 3.** Let  $f(z)$  be a meromorphic function in  $D$ . Denote by  $z' = L(z)$  an arbitrary one-to-one conformal mapping of  $D$  onto itself. The function  $f(z)$  is called normal in  $D$  if the family of functions  $\{f(L(z))\}$  is normal in the sense of Montel, where convergence is defined in terms of the spherical metric.

**LEMMA** (Bagemihl [3, Lemma 4]). *If  $f(z)$  is a normal meromorphic function in  $D$  and  $\zeta \in K_\omega(f)$ , then*

$$\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{M}}(f, \zeta).$$

*Remark 8.* A meromorphic function assuming each of three values only finitely often in  $D$  is normal in  $D$  (see [19, pp. 125-126] or [15, p. 54]). If  $f$  is meromorphic in  $D$  and  $\zeta$  is a horocyclic Meier point of  $f$ , then  $C(f, \zeta) \subset W$ . Thus  $f$  is normal on each disc  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ). From this and the lemma of Bagemihl just cited, one can prove that

$$\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta) \subset W$$

at each horocyclic Meier point of a meromorphic function  $f$ .

**DEFINITION 4.** The primary-tangential cluster set of  $f$  at  $\zeta$  is defined to be

$$C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) = \overline{\bigcup_{0 < r < 1} C_{\mathcal{Q}_r(\zeta)}(f, \zeta)}.$$

The term “primary-tangential” is used to differentiate this cluster set from similar cluster sets wherein tangential approach of higher order is used.

*Remark 9.* It is evident that

$$C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{M}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta)$$

for every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . By Lemma 6,

$$C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta)$$

at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . Thus, at almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ,

$$C_{\mathfrak{M}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta).$$

**DEFINITION 5.** A point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is said to be a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f: D \rightarrow W$  provided

$$\Pi_{T_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) \subset W.$$

The term “pre-Meier” is used because the condition

$$C_{h_r^-}(f, \zeta) = C_{h_{r'}^+}(f, \zeta) \subset W \quad (0 < r < 1; 0 < r' < 1)$$

is fulfilled at each primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$ , and this is a necessary condition that a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  be a horocyclic Meier point of  $f$ . If it is also true that  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta) \subset W$ , then the point  $\zeta$  is in fact a horocyclic Meier point of  $f$ .

Each horocyclic Meier point of a function  $f$  meromorphic in  $D$  is a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$  because of Remark 8. An example can be easily constructed to show that the word “meromorphic” cannot be omitted.

Although a horocyclic analogue of Fatou’s theorem does not exist, we can prove

**THEOREM 10.** *If  $f(z)$  is a normal meromorphic function in  $D$ , then almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is either a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$  or a point at which  $\Pi_{\tau_\omega}(f, \zeta) = W$ .*

*Proof.* By Remark 9,  $C_{\mathfrak{A}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta)$  almost everywhere on  $\Gamma$ . Since  $K_\omega(f)$  is of measure  $2\pi$ , Bagemihl’s lemma implies that

$$\Pi_{\tau_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta)$$

for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ . The theorem now follows from the fact that at every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , either  $C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta) \subset W$  or  $C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta) = W$ .

Applying Theorem 10 to the holomorphic bounded function  $B(z)$  in Theorem 5, we see that the set of primary-tangential pre-Meier points of  $B$  has measure  $2\pi$  and the set of horocyclic Fatou points of  $B$  has measure zero.

Although a horocyclic analogue of Plessner’s theorem does not exist, we can prove

**THEOREM 11.** *If  $f(z)$  is meromorphic in  $D$ , then almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is either a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$  or a horocyclic Plessner point of  $f$ .*

*Proof.* At a point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - I_\omega(f)$ ,  $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) \subset W$ . By Theorem 3 and Remark 9, for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - I_\omega(f)$ ,

$$(15) \quad \zeta \in K_\omega(f) \text{ and } C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{S}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta) \subset W.$$

Let the point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - I_\omega(f)$  satisfy (15), and let  $A_\omega$  be an admissible tangential arc at  $\zeta$ . Then there exists a disc  $\Omega_{r_0}(\zeta)$  at  $\zeta$  containing  $A_\omega$ . Since  $C_{\mathfrak{Q}}(f, \zeta) \subset W$ ,  $f^*(z)$ , the restriction of  $f(z)$  to  $\Omega_{r_0}(\zeta)$ , is a normal meromorphic function in  $\Omega_{r_0}(\zeta)$  by Remark 8. Furthermore,  $\zeta \in K_\omega(f)$  implies that  $\zeta \in K_\omega(f^*)$ , where the meaning of  $K_\omega(f^*)$  is the natural one. Bagemihl’s lemma applied to the function  $f^*(z)$  implies that



$$C_{A_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C_{A_\omega}(f^*, \zeta) = C_{\Omega_{r_0}(\zeta)}(f^*, \zeta) = C_{\Omega_{r_0}(\zeta)}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{D}}(f, \zeta),$$

where the last equality follows because  $C_{\mathfrak{B}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{D}}(f, \zeta)$ . Since  $A_\omega$  was an arbitrary admissible tangential arc,  $\Pi_{\tau_\omega}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{D}}(f, \zeta)$ . Thus almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - I_\omega(f)$  is a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$ , and the theorem is proved.

Theorem 11 implies that for the function  $f(z)$  in Theorem 9 almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$ , but  $\text{meas}[F_\omega(f) \cup M_\omega(f) \cup I_\omega(f)] = 0$ .

Since no primary-tangential pre-Meier point of a function is a Plessner point of the function, Plessner's theorem implies that almost every primary-tangential pre-Meier point of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  is a Fatou point of  $f(z)$ . Since  $\text{meas}[F(f) \cap I_\omega(f)] = 2\pi$  for the function  $f(z)$  of Theorem 6, the converse is not true.

Finally we point out that for a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  almost every point of  $F_\omega(f) \cup M_\omega(f)$  is a primary-tangential pre-Meier point of  $f$ . This follows from Theorem 11 and the fact that no point of  $F_\omega(f) \cup M_\omega(f)$  is a point of  $I_\omega(f)$ . The function  $f(z)$  in Theorem 9 shows that the converse need not be true.

**5. The set  $F(f) \cap M_\omega(f)$ .**

In the proof of our final theorem, we shall need

*Remark 10.* Let  $c \subset D$  be the arc of a circle  $C$  orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  (i.e.  $c = D \cap C$ ), and let  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  be interior to  $C$ . Then, under inversion in  $c$ , the image of that part of each disc  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$  ( $0 < r < 1$ ) which lies exterior to  $C$  again lies in  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $L(z) = i \frac{\zeta + z}{\zeta - z}$ . Then  $L(z)$  maps  $h_r(\zeta)$  onto a straight line parallel to the real axis and  $c$  onto a semi-circle  $L(c)$  with diameter on the real axis. The inversion in  $c$  corresponds to inversion in  $L(c)$ , and the assertion is evident.

**THEOREM 12.** *There exists a function  $f(z)$  holomorphic and bounded in  $D$  such that almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$  is a horocyclic Meier point of  $f$ , while the set of Meier points of  $f$  has measure zero.*

*Proof.* We shall prove that the function  $f(z)$  constructed by Jenkins in [13] has the required properties.

Let  $d$  be the domain obtained from the unit disc  $|w| < 1$  by inserting at each point  $e^{i(m/n)\pi}$  a radial slit of length  $1/\sqrt{n}$  where  $m, n$  are integers,  $n > 0$ ,  $|m| \leq n$ , and the fraction  $m/n$  is in its lowest terms.

We obtain from the domain  $d$  a Riemann surface  $R$  by the following construction. For each slit  $s_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) let  $d_j$  be a domain obtained from  $d$  by reflection in the diameter bearing  $s_j$ . Then we cross-join  $d_j$  to  $d$  along  $s_j$  and the corresponding slit on  $d_j$ . For each  $d_j$ , let the remaining boundary slits of  $d_j$  be denoted by  $s_{jk}$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots; k \neq j$ ), where  $s_{jk}$  corresponds to  $s_k$ . For each  $d_j$  and each slit  $s_{jk}$  on  $d_j$ , let the domain  $d_{jk}$  be obtained from  $d_j$  by reflection in the diameter bearing  $s_{jk}$ . We cross-join  $d_{jk}$  to  $d_j$  along  $s_{jk}$  and the corresponding slit on  $d_{jk}$  for each admissible value of  $k$ . For each  $d_{jk}$ , let the remaining boundary slits of  $d_{jk}$  be denoted by  $s_{jkl}$  ( $l = 1, 2, \dots; l \neq k, l \neq j$ ), where  $s_{jkl}$  corresponds to  $s_{jk}$ .

Continuing this process, we obtain a Riemann surface  $R$  which has no relative boundary over  $|w| < 1$ . Evidently  $R$  is simply connected and of hyperbolic type so that there exists a function  $w = f(z)$  which maps  $D$  in a one-to-one conformal manner onto the surface  $R$ . We assume that  $f$  carries the origin  $z = 0$  onto the point of  $d$  covering the origin  $w = 0$ .

The surface is invariant under the following transformations. Let  $d'$  and  $d''$  be two sheets of  $R$  cross-joined along the slit  $s$ . Select any point  $p'$  in  $d'$ , and let  $p'_w$  denote the point in  $|w| < 1$  covered by  $p'$ . Let  $p''_w$  denote the point in  $|w| < 1$  obtained from  $p'_w$  by reflection in the diameter which contains the radial segment covered by  $s$ . With  $p'$  we associate the point  $p''$  in  $d''$  which covers  $p''_w$ . Under such an association  $d'$  is transformed into  $d''$  and conversely, while the slit  $s$  is fixed. Any sheet  $d^*$  attached to  $d'$  is transformed into a sense-reversed (with respect to the diameter bearing the slit along which it is cross-joined to  $d'$ ) replica of itself attached to  $d''$ , and any sheet  $d^{**}$  attached to  $d''$  is transformed into a sense-reversed (with respect to the diameter bearing the slit along which it is cross-joined to  $d''$ ) replica of itself attached to  $d'$ , etc. We may extend such a mapping to the points on the cross-joins by continuity to obtain, for each choice of  $d'$ ,  $d''$  and  $s$ , a transformation which leaves  $R$  invariant. Note that the slit  $s$  is the only pointwise fixed subset of  $R$ .

Each corresponding transformation in  $D$  is an anti-conformal transformation of  $D$  onto itself, and thus must be the conjugate of a linear transformation. Since each transformation on  $R$  fixes pointwise a slit  $s$ , the

transformation in  $D$  fixes pointwise an arc in  $D$  with its endpoints on  $\Gamma$ . The conjugate of a linear transformation carrying  $D$  onto itself can leave such an arc pointwise fixed only if the arc lies on a circle orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  and the mapping in question is inversion in that circle.

We can now give a geometric description of  $f(z)$ . In the mapping  $f(z)$  of  $D$  onto  $R$ , the subset of  $D$  mapped onto the initial sheet  $d$  of  $R$  is a subdomain  $\delta$  of  $D$  bounded by a countable set of open arcs  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) on circles orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  (one for each slit  $s_j$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) together with a set  $H$  on  $\Gamma$ . Since the length of an arc (in  $D$ ) of a circle orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  is for a suitable constant, say  $K^*$ , less than  $K^*$  times the length of the arc on  $\Gamma$  which the circle intercepts, the boundary of  $\delta$  is a rectifiable Jordan curve. If  $\phi$  denotes a one-to-one conformal mapping of the disc  $|Z| < 1$  onto  $d$ , then  $f^{-1}(\phi(z))$  maps  $|Z| < 1$  in a one-to-one conformal manner onto  $\delta$ . The boundary of  $d$  consists of  $\Gamma_w: |w| = 1$  and the enumerable collection of slits  $s_1, s_2, \dots$ . Due to the choice of the lengths of the slits  $s_1, s_2, \dots$ , no Stolz triangle with a vertex on  $\Gamma_w$  can be completely contained in  $d$ . According to a theorem of Lavrentieff [14, Theorem 1], the set of points on  $|Z| = 1$  mapped onto  $\Gamma_w$  by  $\phi$ , say  $E$ , must be of measure zero. Since the domain  $\delta$  has a rectifiable boundary and  $H$  is the image under  $f^{-1}(\phi(z))$  of the set  $E$  of measure zero,  $H$  is of measure zero by the Riesz theorem [24, p. 49].

The function  $f(z)$  defined on  $D$  can be thought of as the continuation of  $f(z)$  defined on  $\delta$ . If we reflect  $\delta$  in each of the arcs  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and continue this process, we sweep out the domain  $D$  while the corresponding transformations on  $R$  completely cover  $R$  as the image of  $d$ . The images of  $H$  under these successive inversions have measure zero. Thus, their enumerable union  $K$  has measure zero.

We shall show that  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) = \{w: |w| \leq 1\}$  for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K$ . Then, since  $|f(z)| \leq 1$ ,  $C(f, \zeta) = \{w: |w| \leq 1\}$  for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K$  (and hence for each point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ ). Since  $f$  has a radial limit almost everywhere, the set of Meier points of  $f$  is of measure zero. By Theorem 10,  $\Pi_{\tau_{\omega}}(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta)$  for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , so that

$$C(f, \zeta) = C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) = \Pi_{\tau_{\omega}}(f, \zeta) \subseteq \Pi_{\omega}(f, \zeta)$$

for almost every point  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K$ . Thus  $\Pi_{\omega}(f, \zeta) = C(f, \zeta)$  for almost every

point  $\zeta \in \Gamma$ , and the set of horocyclic Meier points of  $f$  is of measure  $2\pi$  as asserted.

If  $\zeta \in \Gamma - K$ , then  $\zeta$  is not an endpoint of any arc  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ) nor is  $\zeta$  an endpoint of the reflection of any such arc. So there exists a sequence  $c_j, c_{jk}, c_{jkl}, \dots$  of arcs on circles orthogonal to  $\Gamma$  such that  $\zeta$  lies interior to each such circle. These arcs correspond under  $f$  to cross-joins  $s_j, s_{jk}, s_{jkl}, \dots$  on  $R$ , where  $d$  and  $d_j$  are cross-joined along  $s_j$ , etc. Also, if  $\delta_j \subset D$  is the domain obtained from  $\delta$  by reflection in  $c_j$ , then  $f$  carries  $\delta_j$  onto  $d_j$ , etc.

Now if  $C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) \neq \{w: |w| \leq 1\}$ , then there exists a point  $w_0, |w_0| < 1$ , and a closed neighborhood  $N(w_0)$  of  $w_0$  contained in  $\{w: |w| \leq 1\}$  such that  $N(w_0)$  has area  $\eta > 0$  and

$$N(w_0) \cap C_{\mathcal{Q}}(f, \zeta) = \phi.$$

Since  $f(\delta) = d$ , we can choose the disc  $\Omega_r(\zeta)$  so large that

$$\text{area}[f(\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta))] > \pi - \eta/2.$$

Hence, we must have

$$f(\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)) \cap N(w_0) \neq \phi.$$

Now let  $\delta_j^* \subset \delta_j$  be the reflection of  $\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)$  in  $c_j$ . Then  $f(\delta_j^*) \subset f(\delta_j) = d_j$ . As previously stated,  $f$  in  $\delta_j$  is the continuation of  $f$  in  $\delta$  by reflection in the arc  $c_j$ . The corresponding transformation on  $R$  between  $d$  and  $d_j$  preserves area so that, since  $f(\delta_j^*)$  is the image of  $f(\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta))$  under this transformation on  $R$ ,

$$\text{area } f(\delta_j^*) = \text{area } f(\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)).$$

Now  $\delta_j^* \subset \delta_j$  and by Remark 10,  $\delta_j^* \subset \Omega_r(\zeta)$ . Thus,  $\delta_j^* \subset \delta_j \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)$ , so that

$$\text{area } f(\delta_j \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)) > \text{area } f(\delta_j^*) = \text{area } f(\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)) > \pi - \eta/2.$$

Thus

$$f(\delta_j \cap \Omega_r(\zeta)) \cap N(w_0) \neq \phi.$$

Proceeding in this fashion we obtain the sequence of domains

$$\delta \cap \Omega_r(\zeta), \delta_j \cap \Omega_r(\zeta), \delta_{jk} \cap \Omega_r(\zeta), \dots$$

which converges to  $\zeta$ , while the image under  $f$  of each such domain inter-

sects  $N(w_0)$ . Since  $N(w_0)$  is closed and bounded, there exists a point in  $N(w_0)$  which belongs to  $C_{\varrho,(\zeta)}(f, \zeta)$ . Thus,

$$C_{\varrho}(f, \zeta) \cap N(w_0) \neq \phi,$$

which contradicts our assumption that this intersection is empty. This completes the proof of the theorem.

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